

June 19, 2012

The Harper County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, with the session being postponed until 9:30AM. Chairman Lee Adams called the meeting to order to Commissioner Jim Gates; Commissioner Pence was absent. Also in attendance: Al Roder, Administrator; and Ruth Elliott, recording secretary.

Mike McAbee, candidate for Harper County Sheriff, was a visitor.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve minutes of June 12th, approved unanimously. Commissioner Adams moved to approve payroll withholding of \$67,467.90; approved unanimously.

Tracy Chance, Under-Sheriff, was present to discuss Jail / Kitchen / Fence repair issues. Provided proposals for repairs, with a total of approximately \$19,000; need cost-effective proposals, with a \$1 million bond for any contractor. Need an immediate plan of action as the Fire Marshall requires corrections by August, 2012. Roof also continues to leak even after some minor repairs were made; contact made with G/M Systems of Harper, who did the original work in 2008, but the representative did not arrive at the Jail as scheduled to meet with Tracy.

Brad Davis, Megan Ferrell and Jerid Befort, County Extension Board, presented budget information, with details remaining basically the same. K-State has submitted some funds, but they have seen increases in the cost of health insurance and postage. Preparations continue for the County Fair. Scheduled four (4) interviews Monday for the Ag Agent vacant position.

Shirley McCartney, Dept. on Aging, presented information on the replacement of a van (2003) within the next two (2) months. Part-time position will be filled effective July 1st.

Candice Dixon, Executive Director, and Laurie Meyer, Victims Advocate, presented budget request for Sexual Assault / Domestic Violence Center. Most funding is from the State and Federal levels for the 6-counties serviced, but that has been reduced, initiating a request for \$6000 to support assistant given to Harper County residents. There is a concern for the need for additional services due to the influx of businesses and travelers, stressors that would impact family relationships. The program is also looking for inconspicuous office space, good for privacy and confidentiality of clients.

Thanks to Cecilee (CJ) Downing and Kristie Clark for their assistance during the Joint County / City Commission Meeting at the Harper Senior Center.

Discussion of telephone system bids. Inquiries show that Anthony City is working with KanOkla, as is Celco. Sohl Communications updated bid to a 6 -year warranty, but with voice mail and the service contract details, the total cost would be similar. Decision will be postponed until next week when Commissioner Pence returns.

General discussion of the oil & gas 'boom' and how it affects infrastructure and many other issues in the county. Need a solution for realizing funds needed and when they are to be received (impact fees; development fees).

Administrator Roder shared that the elevator at the Jail has had no routine maintenance schedule, and direction has been given for it to be cleaned monthly. This elevator is the only ADA access and needs to be upgraded immediately.

Rhonda Berry, Register of Deeds, reported on the decrease in the number of research crews utilizing courthouse records, but that several are expected to arrive. Office workloads continue and the staff will provide an updated fee schedule. A part-time employee has been hired.

LeRoy Godfrey, Solid Waste Supervisor, provided details on the inspection of monitor well MW-80 in October 2011. KDHE has indicated that removal of silt is required or a replacement of the well will be needed. Proposal from Terracon Consultants was approved; there is not a service guarantee since the company acknowledged it did not have experience with cleaning a well of this depth (90 feet). Use of county trucks/excavator could be utilized for dirt removal but must be done very timely. 5-Year Waste Plan was sent to KDHE but no response has been received. KDHE approved the collection of tornado debris; air inspectors concerned about too many brush piles. Earth-Day information was given for review.

Commissioners approved Al Roder's attendance to Leadership Conference, for a total of \$1500.

Commissioner Gates moved for an Executive Session at 11:21AM, for 15 minutes, for the purpose of non-elected personnel, with Al Roder in attendance. Session ended at 11:35AM.

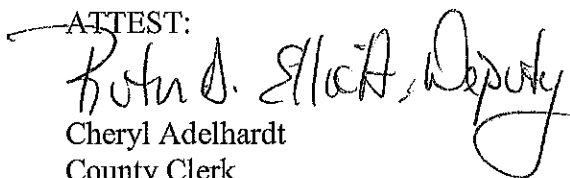
As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned to meet next on June 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Office.

APPROVED:



Lee Adams
Chairman

ATTEST:



Cheryl Adelhardt
County Clerk